

Senate File 257 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 257
BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1103)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the period of validity of driver's licenses
2 and nonoperator's identification cards, and including
3 effective date and applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 d. The fee for a nonoperator's identification card shall
4 be ~~five~~ eight dollars and the card shall be valid for a
5 period of ~~five~~ eight years from the date of issuance. A
6 ~~nonoperator's identification card shall be issued without~~
7 ~~expiration to anyone age seventy or over.~~ If an applicant
8 for a nonoperator's identification card is a foreign national
9 who is temporarily present in this state, the nonoperator's
10 identification card shall be issued only for the length of time
11 the foreign national is authorized to be present as determined
12 by the department, not to exceed two years. An issuance fee
13 shall not be charged for a person whose driver's license or
14 driving privilege has been suspended under section 321.210,
15 subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (3).

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.196, subsection 1, Code 2013, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 1. Except as otherwise provided, a driver's license, other
19 than an instruction permit, chauffeur's instruction permit, or
20 commercial driver's instruction permit issued under section
21 321.180, expires ~~five~~ eight years from the licensee's birthday
22 anniversary occurring in the year of issuance if the licensee
23 is between the ages of seventeen years eleven months and
24 seventy years on the date of issuance of the license. If the
25 licensee is under the age of seventeen years eleven months or
26 age seventy or over, the license is effective for a period of
27 two years from the licensee's birthday anniversary occurring in
28 the year of issuance. A licensee whose license is restricted
29 due to vision or other physical deficiencies may be required
30 to renew the license every two years. If a licensee is a
31 foreign national who is temporarily present in this state,
32 the license shall be issued only for the length of time the
33 foreign national is authorized to be present as verified by the
34 department, not to exceed two years.

35 Sec. 3. EMERGENCY RULES. The department of transportation

1 may adopt emergency rules under section 17A.4, subsection 3,
2 and section 17A.5, subsection 2, paragraph "b", to implement
3 section 321.190, subsection 1, paragraph "d", as amended in
4 this Act, and section 321.196, subsection 1, as amended in
5 this Act, and the rules shall be effective immediately upon
6 filing unless a later date is specified in the rules. Any
7 rules adopted in accordance with this section shall also be
8 published as a notice of intended action as provided in section
9 17A.4. The rules established under this authority may provide
10 for a transition from five-year to eight-year renewal periods
11 for driver's licenses and nonoperator's identification cards.
12 During the transition, the department may issue driver's
13 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards valid for
14 periods of five, six, seven, or eight years to equalize renewal
15 periods and applicants over succeeding years.

16 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
17 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill concerns the period of validity of driver's
20 licenses and nonoperator's identification cards issued by the
21 department of transportation.

22 The bill amends Code section 321.190 to extend the validity
23 of nonoperator's identification cards from five years to eight
24 years, with a corresponding fee increase from \$5 to \$8. In
25 addition, the current provision that provides for issuance of
26 a nonexpiring nonoperator's identification card to a person
27 age 70 or over is stricken. Code section 321.196 is amended
28 to extend the validity of a driver's license from five years
29 to eight years for licenses issued to persons between the ages
30 of 17 years, 11 months, and 70 years. Pursuant to current
31 law, the fee for a driver's license is based on the years of
32 validity; that does not change under the bill. The department
33 is authorized to adopt emergency rules to implement the
34 driver's license and nonoperator's identification card renewal
35 provisions, and to provide for a transition from five-year to

1 eight-year renewal periods.

2 The bill takes effect upon enactment.